

In the Abstract

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The invention relates to an adapter for coupling a laser ~~machining~~ treatment device [(1)] to an object [(2)] for ~~machining~~ treatment, whereby ~~said~~ the adapter [(12)] has an input side [(21)], which may be fixed relative to the laser ~~machining~~ treatment device [(1)], by ~~means of~~ a locking mechanism [(H)] and which may be fixed to the object [(2)], for alignment of the object [(2)] relative to the laser ~~machining~~ treatment device [(1)]. A scanned laser beam [(4)] is introduced on the input side [(21)], from the laser ~~machining~~ treatment device [(1)], along a beam path to the object [(2)] with a reference structure [(24)]. The reference structure [(24)] lies on the beam path of the adapter [(12)] and may be optically detected by means of the laser beam [(4)] scanned over the region.